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Remarks/Arguments

In paragraph 3 of the Action, a new title was required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

In reply thereto, applicant has changed the title to -IMAGE FORMING APPRATUS AND MEDIUM FEEDING DEVICE WITH SWINGING MEMBER HAVING MEDIUM DETECTION SECTION-and believes that it is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

In paragraphs 4-5 of the Action, claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-12, and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikuchi et al. (JP'059).

In paragraph 6 of the Action, claims 1, 7-8, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. as being anticipated by Matsuura et al. (US'061).

In reply thereto, the claims have been amended to define applicant's invention more clearly over the prior art of record.

As clearly defined in the amended claims, applicant's invention comprises a swinging member that is separable from the main body at a point where the medium is fed into the image forming section by the feeding member and provided with a medium detection section for detecting the medium fed from the medium feed section.

When the jammed medium is removed, the swinging member is separated from the main body at a point where the medium is fed into the image forming section so that it is possible to remove the medium in the medium feeding direction, putting no load on the medium detection section.

The medium detection section is provided on the swinging member and, when the jammed medium is removed, it

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receives no force in a direction opposite to the medium feeding direction so that it does not become rickety, resulting in the accurate detection of the medium.

With respect to the prior art, Kikuchi et al. disclose, with reference to Figs. 5 and 7, an image forming device comprising a cover rotatable at a fulcrum A.

Matsuura et al. disclose, with reference to Fig. 4, a first lid 26 including resist rollers 16, a transfer charger 17, and a push roller 19 is rotatable at a fulcrum 25.

However, neither Kikuchi et al. nor Matsuura et al. disclose or suggest any medium detection section provided on the swinging member to detect the medium fed from the medium feed section and it is submitted that the amended claims are patentable over Kikuchi et al. and Matsuura et al.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon does not appear to be any more pertinent with respect to the amended claims.

In paragraph 8 of the Action, claims 9-10, 13-14, and 17-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In reply thereto, applicant has amended the claims to be independent form and believes that they are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 19-21 and 22-24 are depended upon claim 1 or 2 and 11 or 12, respectively, and patentable over the prior art of record for the same reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1 or 2 and 11 or 12, respectively.

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The number of total claims is 22 and the number of independent claims is five, and the excess claim fee for \$208.00 is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, claims 1-2, 4-12, and 14-24 allowed, and this case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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